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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Naval Intelligence
Department of the Navy**

**SUBJECT: Soviet Resumption of Nuclear Testing
in the Novaya Zemlya Area**

The latest evidence available to the intelligence community, although it continues to show Soviet missile-atomic energy associations, provides none of the current indicators suggestive of a resumption of nuclear testing by the Soviets in the Novaya Zemlya area. In view of the economic importance to the USSR of keeping the northern sea route open for shipping to the maximum extent possible, we do not now believe that the Soviets will conduct any extensive series of nuclear tests in the Novaya Zemlya area until at least September.

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